

COMMUNITY NEWS



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 installed new officers in activities Saturday evening. The installation was followed by a hamburger supper for family and friends. This has been an annual, very solemn ritual in Elba, AL, since 1853. The list of former Lodge officers reads like a Who's Who throughout the history of the community.

Wayne Bryan was named Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He takes over from Tommy Morrow, who has served for the past year. The impressive ceremony was conducted by Jamie Smith, of Ozark who conducts about 40 installations per year and conducts the entire 20-30 minute ritual entirely from memory and exactly according to the Masonic art of business. He was assisted by Buford Flowers of New Brockton.

Pictured above are from left, left-right, Bo Capps, Marshall, Meuliffe W. Johnston, Junior Warden, Bryan, Vernon Junior Carpenter, Senior Steward, and Smith. Back row left to right are Herbert G. Winters, Senior Warden; David Macon, Elder-Eric Cox, Senior Deacon; Tommy Morrow, Junior Deacon; Harry Young, Secretary; Flowers and Joel L. Koon, Chaplain.

Not pictured are Mike Thomas, Historian; Thomas Michael Young, Junior Steward and Clifford Farmer, Treasurer.

First Korean Church to hold "English Speaking Revival"

First Korean Baptist Church of Enterprise will hold its "English Speaking Revival" on Aug. 6 and 8. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and at 11 a.m. on Aug. 8. Dr. J. Michael Bates, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in

Newton, Ct., will be preaching. "The Bradys" will be performing Saturday night only. Childcare will be provided for ages five and under. The church is located on Rucker Blvd. at the Ft. Rucker-Enterprise Gate. Everyone is invited.

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FROM THE NATION'S NEWSPAPERS
Lifeguards are needed now in California

Attention summer travelers headed for Oregon. Don't substitute that soggy need for a pit stop with an empty Coke bottle instead. Truckers and travelers trying to avoid pit stops by urinating in bottles face fines if convicted of tossing those bottles out the window. reports Steve Mayes of the Oregonian. However, Bill 3530, signed by Gov. John Kitzhaber, makes improperinkle-tossing a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

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FALL REGISTRATION

LBW
LURLEEN B. WALLACE
JUNIOR COLLEGE

REGISTRATION
Andalusia/Greenville
August 17, 1999 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(All Students)

Classes Begin
Wednesday, August 18, 1999

LATE REGISTRATION
Drop/Add Period
August 18 - 23, 1999

Andalusia 222-6591/Greenville 382-2133 (ext. 3101)



Notice to Elba Elementary School Students beginning school

All students attending Elba Elementary School should have a book bag. It is recommended but not required that students in grades four through six have a mesh book bag.

Jump Start for kindergarten students will be held August 3 through August 5. Jump Start will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. each day. Students will receive a snack during this time, however, breakfast and lunch will not be served. Students are asked to bring supplies from the included supply list.

School will begin for all students on August 10 at 7:50 a.m. August 10th will be a half day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.



2ND PLACE TEAM AT DISTRICT! The Coffee County 4-H Junior and Senior Meats Judging Teams placed 2nd at the District contest held in Auburn. Team members are Michelle Jones, Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, Julie Boyd, Lara Lee Beasley, Katy Roberts, Heather Carroll, Cassie Lamb, Shawn Howell, Sarah Maddox, Josh Motley, Weston Odum and Stephen Hines. Back right corner are County Agent, Stan Windham and sponsors Glenn and Nancy Jones. Glenn is a farmer in the Goodman Community, and Nancy is a loan officer at an Enterprise Bank.

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Disaster Training Classes offered by Red Cross

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Disaster Training for the citizens of Coffee County and surrounding area. The classes will be conducted at the Coffee County Chapter offices in the Civic Center at 711 Crawford St., Enterprise. The classes to be offered are:

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES - Aug. 3 from 6-9 p.m.

This video-based course will introduce you to disaster preparedness and the role of the Red Cross Disaster Services. We will give you a behind-the-scenes look at the impact of disasters on people and their communities. You will meet the people who serve in time of disaster, including Red Cross paid and volunteer staff, and see how they work together to meet the needs of people affected by disasters.

MASS CARE: AN OVERVIEW - Aug. 10 from 6-9 p.m.

This course focuses on the activities of the Mass Care function in a disaster. You will learn about Sheltering, Preparing Food, Mobile feeding and Bulk Distribution, and how you can help with Mass Care in your local Red Cross Chapter.

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Please call your Coffee County Red Cross Chapter at 347-2461 to register. All Disaster classes are free.

Peek A Babe, newborn and infant "creepers" - a short-sleeved body suit with three snaps at the left shoulder and three snaps at the crotch. The snaps can detach, posing a choking hazard to children.

CPSC and Shopko Stores are not aware of any reports of injuries from these creepers. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

These 100 percent cotton creepers were sold in sizes "0-3M" to 24M. The boys' creepers were made in solid and striped knit fabrics. The girls' creepers were made in various pastel shades of pointelle knit fabric, with a satin bow attached to the neck and an embroidered figure, such as a butterfly or heart, below the bow.

Writing on the collar labels is "MADE IN HONG KONG".

Shopko stores nationwide sold these garments from December 1998 to June 1999 for \$4 to \$6.

Consumers should immediately stop using these garments, and return them to Shopko for a refund. For more information, call Shopko at (800) 791-7333 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday CDT, or visit the Shopko website at www.shopko.com.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Mike DuBose, head football coach at the University of Alabama is catching a lot of flak (and it's costing him a bunch of money) over a sexual harassment lawsuit at the Tuscaloosa school. There are those calling for his resignation or outright firing. Now why do that . . . Bill Clinton was forgiven for a whole lot more than that. The president was forgiven even before we knew about his abused childhood of being torn between a loving mother and equally loving grandmother. Now in the DuBose case, we have heard it suggested he suffered an even greater mental trauma. Mike grew up in Opp, AL! We grew up just south of there in Flora and we would always get bad upset if those Opp boys even spoke to one of "our girls," and boy if they dared date one of them - BLAM, BLAM. Surely the same thing happened with the Elba teenagers. Such war-like attitudes surely were enough to confuse the tender, developing mind of the future coach . . . again even less trauma devastated President Bill, according to his wife Hillary.

This week our e-mail included a notice from the U. S. Consumer Protection Agency, spreading the news to owners of GPS directional finders and more of the infamous Y2K problems. With all the warnings about Y2K, we feel that folks savvy enough to own, and use, a GPS on their airplane, boat or even their car, are also savvy enough to realize the need to upgrade, or at least check, their equipment. We plan to trash that news article and save the news hole for something important . . . like grandmother's birthday, birth announcements, etc.

August is almost half over, school is back in session and this means Christmas is just around the corner. If this ole world gets to running much faster, some of us will surely fall off into outer space! It is hard to believe that 1999 is so far gone, so early.

We broke for lunch while writing this column. There on CNN was breaking tragic news of another fool loose with a gun. To watch those day care children being led away from the shooting scene, hand-in-hand with police officers, tears at one's heart. We feel for those shot in Los Angeles on that Tuesday morning and are confused as to how any civilized human being could stoop to shooting those absolutely innocent children. Shooting a grumpy old man like this writer is bad enough (and not encouraged) but to even consider hurting a child is . . . well it is absolutely unthinkable to our simple mind.

Elba native, and successful book and screen play writer, Bob Inman often draws on his youthful days in Elba for many of the stories he still writes for the *Charlotte (NC) Observer*. He has also been lovingly accused of using very thin disguises of some Elba folks in several of his books. Since he gets paid for all those writings, we hesitate to continue stealing them for his hometown friends. But we don't mind talking about the subjects of his articles occasionally. Recently he wrote about the filming of the Miller Beer commercial. Bob noted Elba was officially "dry" but welcomed the bottled water in 1990. He carefully explained that those who wanted an occasional nip did so in their own homes or down by the banks of the Pea River. Bob's memories go back to stories of when his grandfather, the late Bob Cooper, was mayor of Elba during the 1929 flood. While many of his memories could be classified as scenes viewed through rose-colored, or maybe foggy, glasses, it is refreshing for those of us fighting the flood waters and other day-to-day problems to hear someone back off a bit and tell of the beautiful life he sees here.

An invitation
Andrew R. Dow, M.D.
And His Staff
Cordially Invite You To
Attend
Open House
Sunday, August 22, 1999
2:00 p.m. Until 3:30 p.m.
990 Drayton Street
Elba, Alabama 36323
Ph. No. (334) 897-6060

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 2, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, two burglaries, four thefts, two assaults, one vehicle theft, two harassing communications, five forgeries, two unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one sexual abuse, one attempted domestic, one domestic, one harassment, and one criminal trespass.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for public intoxication, one for criminal trespass, and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, one for no driver's license, revoked, four for no driver's license, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence Taylor Mill Road (3:27 a.m.); River stage - 2.88 (6:27 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (8:29 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on East Davis Street (9:39 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (12:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mullins Apartments (10:32 p.m.).

Wednesday, August 4 - River stage - 3.22 feet (6:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 513 (9:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on East Davis Street (11:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Landfill on AL Hwy. 125N (1:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Smith-Harper Apartments (3:01 p.m.);

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 - River stage - 3.55 feet (6:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 403 (2:04 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (2:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (3:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (4:09 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 - Possible

powder on Plant Avenue (4:29 a.m.); River stage - 3.52 feet (6:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS

dispatched to Brunson Trailer Court (3:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (8:40 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 - Coffee

County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 415 (5:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS

dispatched to Brunson Trailer Court (6:31 a.m.); River

stage - none recorded; Alarm on Court Street (7:52 a.m.); Coffee

County EMS

dispatched to a residence on

Hickman Avenue (8:40 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 - River

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dispatched to Mullins Apartments (7:42 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 2, 1999 through August 8, 1999. They were: Monica Nails, Marlene Wilson, Monica Nails, Conner Brooks, Betty Goodwin, Marlene Wilson, Fuscine Ridd, Jessie R. James, Estelle Divine, Stacy Johnson, Patricia Daniels, E. J. Siler, Patricia Daniels, and Betty Parish.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Judy Mae Wilson, Monica Nails, Conner Brooks, Betty Goodwin, Marlene Wilson, Fuscine Ridd, Jessie R. James, Estelle Divine, Stacy Johnson, Patricia Daniels, and Betty Parish.

7th graders moving into the marching band, we were faced with 7 year old uniforms that were near end of their life expectancy.

When the talk of new uniforms began, it seemed to be a nearly impossible goal. The price tag was nearly \$35,000 and we were beginning with approximately \$6,000 in the bank. Under normal circumstances, we would have had money set aside in a uniform fund, but we would all agree that life in Elba has been anything but normal for the last 9 years. The band program has struggled to stay afloat the last 10 years, still trying to replace basic instruments that were lost. We came to the extent that we will come to sell the building. I learned last Thursday night that a rumor was that someone contacted on of the city men concerning the building and he said they would rather it was not sold. This is not known to me as the truth.

The thought has surfaced to contact the Alabama Civil Liberties Union and find out if there could be a chance of getting a through investigation of the department headquarters in Montgomery, AL.

If you are unable to contribute the total cost of a uniform, an anonymous donor gave \$5,000 each last spring. With confidence in our band parents, students, and community, we will be able to make the uniforms available to the band.

For this contribution, your business, organization, or individual name will be placed on a label in the jacket of a uniform. In addition, the name will be proudly displayed on the main at the main gate of Zion Chapel's Green Memorial Stadium.

Thank you for your continued support of the "Zion Chapel Marching-Relief Band." Please make checks payable to Zion Chapel Band and mail to: Melinda Hodge

5054 County Road 306

Elba, AL 36323

Respectfully yours,

Melinda A. Hodge

President, Zion Chapel Band

Boosters

Richard Littleton

Principal, Zion Chapel High School

Michael Bird

Director, Zion Chapel Band

The Elba Clipper

Elba, AL

Dear Mr. Cox

I am very much concerned about

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sentable to the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band, designated for the uniform fund, and may be mailed to the school at 371 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323. A full uniform is \$350, but any amount will be helpful - \$25, \$50, or up.

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pride to our school and our community, and we appreciate the interest

and support so many have already given.

We would appreciate any additional assistance at this time, and ask that donations be sent before August 30th. Please plan to

join us for Elba's first homecoming on Friday, September 3rd, to support the Tigers and enjoy the Marching Tiger Band!

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J. L. Edgar

2058 Highway 166

Elba, AL 36323

Richard Ellis

Band Director

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the American Legion, Culver Post #42. As we all know the American Legion is for veterans of all the wars America has been involved in. Mr. Cox, Culver Post #42 has had some hard blows and some members have dropped out. There has been some very difficult times and the growth of the band program was something many band parents, students, and alumni had been hoping for. Not only were we about to be faced with not enough uniforms for the larger numbers of

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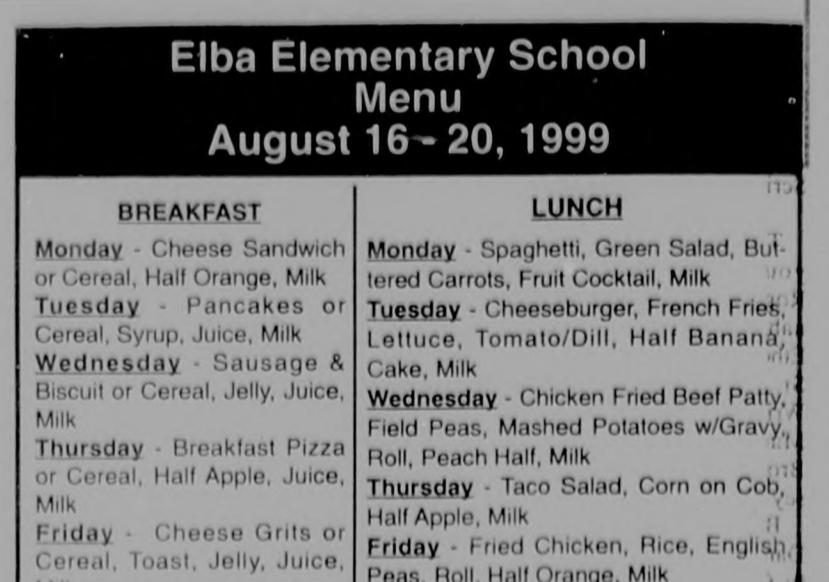
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Computers for Seniors class is offered at ESJC

Computers for Seniors is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate. Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a

data base, and how to understand the use of spreadsheets. They should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Aug. 16. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, October 4-13, 2-4 p.m.

Gospel concert to be held in Andalusia

A gospel concert featuring the Dixie Echoes will be held at Andalusia State Junior College this fall semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate. Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a

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Enterprise State Junior College's Kindercollege is a program for the children of full-time students (taking at least 12 semester hours). The children who must be at least one-half year old by the date of entry, are provided with exercises to foster development of physical abilities, social awareness, emotional health, intellectual skills, and creativity. Also, ESJC students who are in Child Development classes are given opportunities to observe and participate directly with the Kindercollege students as a part of their learning experiences.

Kindercollege is in session on those days the college students have classes or exams. The hours of operation for Kindercollege are from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is a \$300 per semester fee (arrangements can be made for payment to be made through the Business Office).

Applications for Kindercollege are available in the Admissions Office or from the Kindercollege Director in Room SN102 or ESJC's Learning Resource Center. The program is limited to 20 children, and it fills up fast.

Classes for the 1999 Fall Semester begin on Aug. 19. Registration is now in progress. For more information about admission to the College or how to register, call (334) 393-ESJC, ext. 234. For more information about Kindercollege, call Mrs. Rebecca Richter at ext. 219.

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**Miss Crittenden - Mr. Wilson to be united in
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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crittenden of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie, to Mark Anthony Wilson, son of Mrs. Tina Brooks, also of Elba.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and currently attends Auburn University.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and currently employed at Elba.

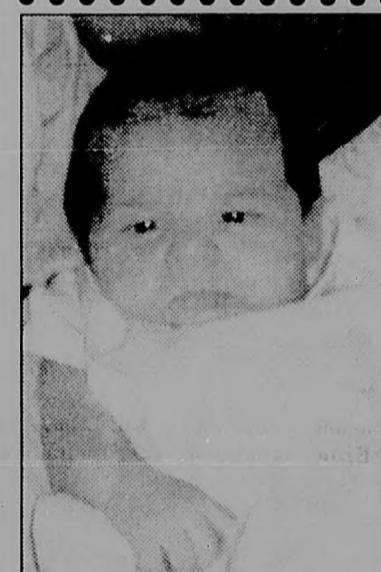
The wedding will be held October 9, 1999 at 4 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ.

No formal invitations are being sent. All family and friends are cordially invited.

**Damascus School
Reunion to be held
August 14th**

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday, August 14, at the Coffee County Farm Complex in New Brockton from 10:30 a.m. until. Bring a covered dish and a beverage. Those who wish to bring an item for a door prize or for auction, please do so.

New Arrival



AIDEN MICHAEL
POWELL

Joey and Christy Powell announce the birth of their son, Aiden Michael Powell, born June 20, 1999 at Andalusia Regional Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 22 inches long. His grandparents are Kenneth and Janice Sutley, Jerry and Charlotte Register and Bobby Knighten, all of Elba, and Thomas and Linda Powell of Palmetto, Ga.

Aiden was welcomed home by his 2 1/2-year-old sister, Kristen Hope.

**Deadline For
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Views from ...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

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DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

*** The high school football teams across the state hit the practice field last week and from the sound of things across the area, all the teams came back ready to work and anxious to improve on last year's records. I made it to "Picture Day" at Elba, and while there were less than 30 players on the field, the players all seemed excited about the start of the preseason drills and it was obvious that some things had changed for the Black & Gold Tigers. Kinston's Coach Mickey Jacobs reported the Bulldogs had 29 players at practice and his excitement over just having enough players to scrimmage was easy to tell, while over at New Brockton Coach Kinston Thrasher was more than happy with the players in early work-outs. Coach Brantley Coop is simply hoping his new players to field up to snuff at Zion Chapel, and by the end of the week had 17-19 players on the field, and at Brantley Coach David Lowrey had a good looking bunch as the defending 1A state champs began drills. It is way too early to tell, but from the early reports it does appear that the '99 season could be one in which the area teams enjoy more wins than in many years.

*** A study by the Alabama High School Athletic Association revealed that the number of players taking part in high school football has steadily increased over the past ten years, with the average number of players on a team this season to be 53.1. In 1986-87 a similar survey showed an average of 44.7 players per team, and the number has steadily increased. Although the numbers are up, coaches admit that competing with summer jobs is a major problem, and have voiced the opinion that a possible solution would be to push back the start of the season.

*** While everyone voices concern over the players during the early practices in the extreme heat, very little is known to be the coaches that are working in the sun heat at the same time. They changed last week down in Mobile when the head coaches of the area schools were told on Aug. 12 of the start of a heat wave. While doctors told school officials that they did not believe the summer heat was a factor in Coach Wilson's death, it did make all coaches across the state sit up and take notice. Hey, it is just as hot for the coaches as it is for the players, and maybe now the coaches will give a little thought to how they feel as well as the condition of the players.

*** When Alabama head football coach Mike DuBose admitted last week that he had missed the public earlier this year when denied rumors about himself and another person, he might have also seen his dream job with the Crimson Tide take a step in the wrong direction. I know that the University has said nothing about the future of Coach DuBose and has not even hinted that the popular Opp native might have his tenure shortened by the out-of-court settlement that is expected in a number of changes in the coach's contract. However, it does appear that a reduction in pay and a three-year period would make it much easier to supply a buyout of the coach's contract at the end of the '99 season. There is always pressure on a coach to win, no matter the level of play, and this season the pressure on Coach DuBose to win will be even greater than before. His career at the Capstone is riding on it!

Hellie remains hot as weather in recent racing action at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Rege Hellie was as hot as the summer heat on July 31 at the South Alabama Speedway as he claimed the IMCA Modified Mid-Season champion for his fourth straight win on the Kinston track.

Hellie started first in the mid-season finale, but immediately went to the front as he took the lead on lap four. While Hellie sped away on his heat, he had to settle behind the lead car as Eddie Carter, Jeff Rudd, Eddie Carter, Todd Jones and Curtis Gablehouse due for position. Rudd finally got by Carter on lap 12 and set out to catch Hellie, but was unable to make any kind of move on the leader. Contact with another car send Jones to the pits on lap 45, and while a yellow flag was out, Rudd had a chance to catch Hellie, it was not to be on this night as Hellie easily held on for the win. Rudd held on for second, followed by Gablehouse, Carter and Ricky Whittle. Kevin Peet was the fastest qualifier with a time of 17.40.

Ronnie Strawder led flag to flag to win the Sportsman Feature. Regan Baker kept Hellie Mills on the outside and held off Mills to take second, while Terry Davis took third, followed by Terry Clark and Rene West.

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Look at '99 football schedules reveals no easy wins ahead for teams in area

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ELBA TIGERS (3-8 in '98)

The Elba Tigers struggled to their third straight losing season a year ago, and while hopes are high with a new head coach and new attitude among the players, a look at the Tigers' schedule might bring the Elba fans quickly back down to earth.

The Elba Tigers will open the season with the three-game stretch against three of the state's top teams that last season resulted in three losses by a combined score of 145-21. The Tigers will open the season on Thursday, Sept. 29 when Brantley faces Area opponent J.D. Blacksher, in Uriah.

Despite the tough schedule, the Tigers know it will take a maximum effort this season to win with a schedule that includes four 3A opponents and two 2A foes. One thing is certain, with the schedule facing the Bulldogs, all wins will come because of Bulldog pride and determination.

NEW BROCKTON (6-6 in '98)

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted a 6-6 record and a playoff win last year in what was best described as an "up and down" season, but the '99 season is just around the corner and I look at the schedule and I might make even the most devoted Gamecock fans believe that it will once again take the best the Gamecocks can muster each Friday night out to improve on the success of a year ago.

The Gamecocks will open the season on Aug. 27 at home when they battle the state's #6 ranked 3A team in the Luverne Tigers, and when they hit the road to Skipperville to tangle with the always tough G.W. Long Rebels on Sept. 3. After a trip to Andalusia on Oct. 22 to battle the 5A Bulldogs, Elba will close out its regular season on Oct. 29 when the Tigers visit the Slocumb Red Tops, with the Area crown likely to be up for grabs.

With the opening four games all coming against teams ranked in the Top 10 in the state, and second half road contests against 4A Power Geneva and 5A Power Andalusia, the Elba Tigers could once again face one of the toughest schedules in the 3A ranks.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS (13-2 in '98)

The Brantley Bulldogs won the Class 1A state championship last season with a 13-2 record and are ranked #1 again this season in pre-season polls, but games are won on the field and not in the polls, and the Bulldogs know going in to the '99 season that anything less is a top effort each and every night out could very well result in a loss.

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ZION CHAPEL REBELS (1-8)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will face a similar schedule once again this season, and while the Rebels will get a week off in the middle of the slate, it could be a week very much needed after taking a look at the '98 schedule.

The Bulldogs will open the season at home on August 27 at home when they entertain the 2A Thorsby Rebels, then will hit the road in week #2 for a Sept. 3 clash with the Isabella Mustangs. Zion Chapel will be back at home the next two weeks as the Rebels host G.W. Long on Sept. 10 and Andalusia on Sept. 17, followed in week #5 with a short road trip to Skipperville on Oct. 24 for a battle with the New Brockton Gamecocks.

After an open date, Zion Chapel will return to the gridiron wars on Oct. 8 on the road for a clash with the state champion Brantley Bulldogs, followed in week #8 with a road trip to Flora for a big road test against the powerful Flora Wildcats. The Rebels will be back at home on Oct. 22 when they host the Kinston Bulldogs, and will close out the regular season on the road in Dothan for an Oct. 29 battle against Houston Academy.

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A Sept. 24 match-up against the 6th ranked Luverne Tigers, in Luverne, will give Brantley a chance to gain a measure of revenge over one of the two teams that defeated the Bulldogs a year ago; however, the Bulldogs can't put too much emphasis on this game because in week #6 comes an Oct. 1 Area clash against the dangerous whippets of Flora City, in Flora City.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mealane Corp. announces recall of Star Fire Sprinklers

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mealane Corp., of Philadelphia, Pa., is voluntarily recalling up to 1 million "Star" brand fire sprinklers manufactured from 1961 through 1976. These sprinklers could fail in a fire, exposing the public to bodily injury or death. These sprinklers have been installed nationwide, primarily in nursing homes. They also may be found in hospitals, schools, resorts, stores, office buildings, warehouses and markets.

CPSC reports that 67 percent of the sprinklers that were removed from locations across the country and submitted for testing to inde-



pendent testing laboratories, such as Underwriters Laboratories and Faurecia Motor Research Corp., failed to activate as they should.

CPSC has received one report of a Star sprinkler allegedly not functioning in a bedroom fire in a nursing home.

The Star sprinklers being recalled are dry-type models D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1 and ME-1 made from 1961 through 1976. The name "Star" appears on the sprinkler, along with the model number and date of manufacture. "Star" sprinklers portions of the pipe do not have water in them until the sprinkler activates. The former Star Sprinkler Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., sold its assets and changed its name in June 1976 and became known as Mealane Corp.

Consumers and property owners should determine whether their facilities contain these recalled sprinklers and if so, call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at (800) 866-7807 or access the website at www.star-recall.com to participate in the recall. Mealane will provide free replacement sprinkler heads and reimbursement for the labor costs of removing and replacing the old units.

CPSC is continuing its ongoing investigation of fire sprinklers.

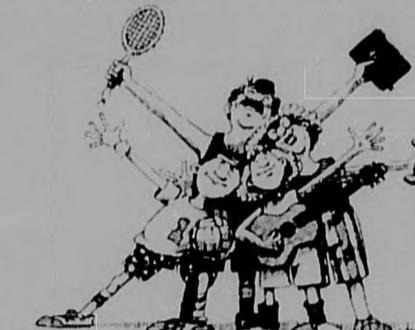
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**Dale County Young
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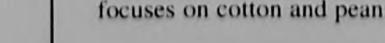
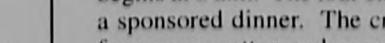
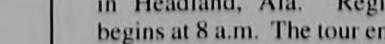
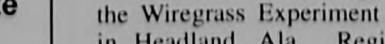
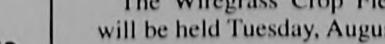
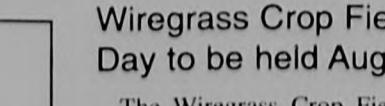
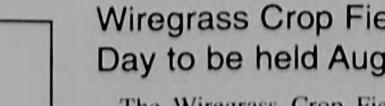
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CPSC and Toys "R" Us announce "Bathtub Baby" recall

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Toys "R" Us, of Paramus, N.J., is recalling 71,000

Bathtub Baby doll sets. These doll sets come with a small ball which poses a serious choking hazard to children under 3 years old.

CPSC and Toys "R" Us are not aware of any injuries involving these doll sets. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The Bathtub Baby doll set includes a plastic bath tub, a 5.5-inch soft vinyl doll wearing a blue diaper, a pink, fish-shaped strainer, and a pink ball about 1.25 inches in diameter. The set is packaged in a clear plastic bag with a hangtag. Warnings on the

hangtag includes, "BATHTUB BABY," "WHAT A DOLL!" "FISHES" and "MADE IN CHINA."

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Consumers are urged to take these sets away from young children immediately and return them to the stores where purchased for a full refund. For more information, consumers should call their local Toys "R" Us store, or visit the Toys "R" Us website at www.toysrus.com/recalls/index.cfm. This recall was the result of an inspection conducted by the CPSC staff.

Boater certification suspension guidelines set

Alabama law currently provides that the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may suspend the certification or operating privilege of a vessel operator without preliminary hearing upon showing of sufficient evidence that the operator committed certain offenses or is incompetent to operate a vessel. Conservation Commissioner Riley Boykin Smith signed an emergency regulation, effective Aug. 4, establishing guidelines for these suspension periods.

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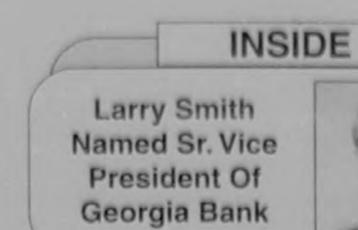
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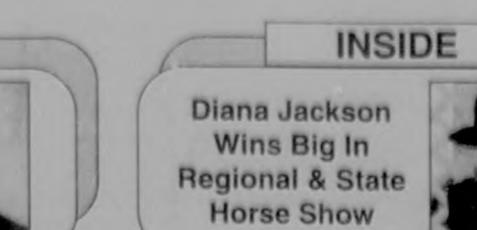
ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BANDS PREPARES...It's a hot job but somebody has got to do it...and it's great that these youngsters do! The Elba High Marching Tigers have been practicing for the past two weeks - 6 to 8 hours a day - in the high temperature (and high humidity) preparing to show off their new uniforms and talents during the 1999 football season. Donations for the new uniforms are still being accepted and would be appreciated.

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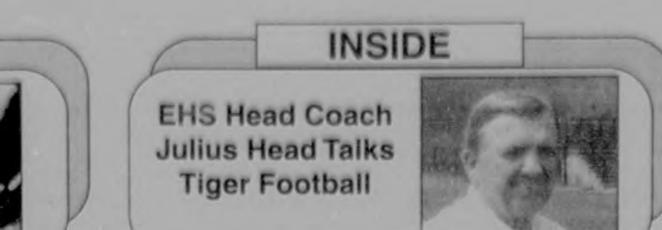
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ELBA SCHOOLS' ENROLLMENT 10,724

Elba BOE hires nine staff members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board made the hiring of new teachers official Thursday evening with the hiring of two teachers and staff members. The board also approved new jobs for three existing teacher members.

Assigned new duties were Brenda Skinner to 1st grade and Chris Head to 3rd grade, both to comply with the classroom size cap. Also, Wynn Grimes was named head lunchroom worker. Sherry Butler, Talent Pool.

Superintendent Charles Pearce updated board members on plans for construction of the new elementary school band room. Presently elementary band students are prac-

icing in a regular classroom, which is needed for regular classes. Even though the school building is fairly new and was built with anticipation for enrollment growth, that growth and the law reducing classroom size is pushing the system's capacity.

Pearce noted that beginning enrollment is up by eleven this year to 10,724.

The need for the band room move is made more demanding by the fact that the band program is growing by leaps and bounds, Pearce said. The target date for completing the 1,580 square foot band room is the Christmas holidays. The facility will be built with propagation designed to prevent disrupting other classes. The exact location for the band facility has not been decided, but it will have either a covered walkway or an enclosed entry from the existing building.

The superintendent reported that the Elba school had a great opening for the 1999-2000 school year, and the students and staff seemed to have a very positive attitude.

Budget hearings for the next year's budget are set for the evenings of September 6th and 9th at the superintendent's office.

Substitute teacher salaries were adjusted upward upon the recommendation of Superintendent Pentecost. For many years, all substitute teachers in the Elba schools received \$40 per day, regardless of their training. Beginning immediately, substitutes with teaching certificates will receive \$50 per day. The state furnishes only \$35 for substitutes and the balance is made up by the local board.

David Stokes updated the board members on the technology advances being made within the schools. Stokes explained that over the summer the high school typing lab was converted to computers and is now equipped with 26 new computers.

The upgrading of administrative software and hardware to be Y2K ready is completed and working well, Stokes said. Staff members are having very little trouble learning the new system and what few glitches occur are easily corrected.

The \$300,000 campus wide computer network installation will soon be complete with at least six computer outlets in each classroom. This is being funded by a federal grant (E-Rate) which pays for 76% of the installation and operation cost.

Officers contacted Inv. Senn and upon his investigation of the scene discovered that the burglary had a very similar MO (mode of operation) fitting some other burglaries

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D.A.R.E. DONATION...Guest speaker at the Elba Lion Club's meeting last Tuesday (August 10) was Dean Blair, D.A.R.E. Office with the Elba Police Department. He spoke to Lions about the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and about the department's neighborhood watch program. At the conclusion of the program, Lion President Richard Patterson presented Blair with a check for \$717.00 to be used in funding D.A.R.E. program. "Without the support of organizations like the Lions Club, the D.A.R.E. program could not be possible," said Officer Blair. "The Elba Lions Club is one of our strongest financial supporters."

Meth lab busted in New Brockton during weekend search

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The execution of two search warrants by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department resulted in the discovery of drugs and the arrest of three individuals.

During the weekend of August 7 and 8, sheriff's deputies executed search warrants for the recovery of stolen property and illegal drugs. In the process of executing the warrants, components of a methamphetamine lab, chemicals used to manufacture the illegal substance, marijuana, and crystal meth/crank were seized. Also recovered were appliances taken during a burglary of a residence under investigation on Co. Rd. 537.

Arrested on Saturday in conjunction with the seizures of the methamphetamine were Jeffrey and Wanda 28, of 1885 Hickman Street in New Brockton. Both were charged with the trafficking of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

The third arrest came on Sunday during the execution of the second search warrant. Christopher Lee Hutchinson, 22, was arrested for the manufacturing of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of Marijuana in the sec-

ond degree. Hutchinson's arrest took place at his residence located on Hickman Street in New Brockton and in the county jail with bond set at \$101,000.

During the removal of the chemical components for the meth lab, a chemical reaction occurred which could have jeopardized the welfare of the law enforcement officers involved in the search.

The Fort Rucker Fire Department's Hazard Material Unit was called in to assist with the removal of the unstable chemicals. These chemicals, when mixed in incorrect amounts, can produce highly toxic fumes which can become highly flammable. Also assisting at the scene were firemen from New Brockton and emergency medical personnel.

Arrested on Saturday in conjunction with the seizures of the methamphetamine were Jeffrey and Wanda 28, of 1885 Hickman Street in New Brockton. Both were charged with murder.

The crash occurred on Friday night, August 6, on Co. Rd. 625 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Both

Leanne Lawson, 19, of Black, was a passenger in a 1998 Ford, was killed when the vehicle in which she was riding collided with a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Sandy Walter Smith, 30, of Samson.

Daniel Josh Burkett, 18, of Kingston, the driver of the Ford, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise where he was treated and released. Lawson was also taken to Enterprise where she died while undergoing surgery for injuries received in the crash.

According to reports Smith was taken to Wiregrass Hospital in Geneva where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

The fatality was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, and the report said that the crash appeared to be alcohol related.

The facts of the case were presented to a grand jury already scheduled to convene on August 9, and an indictment for the felony offense of murder was returned.

Smith was arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail with bail set at \$200,000 by Circuit Judge Tom Head.

He remains in jail at press time, and his arraignment is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 27, 1999.

Area Happenings

SEASON TICKETS DEADLINE: Elba High School regular season ticket holders have until Friday (TOMORROW), August 20, to rent seats for the 1999 season. After Friday, the seats go on sale to the general public.

MACHIS TRIBE MEETING: The Machis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will have a general meeting for all members on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Citizens Building on Vester Cole Street (behind Big Little Store) in New Brockton. For more information call Nancy Carney at 334/894-6578 or e-mail creeks@entercomp.net.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETING: The Elba Athletic Club will sponsor a "Meet the Tigers" cookout on Tuesday, August 24, from 6 - 8 p.m., at Elba High School, and all parents of the student-athletes and supporters of the Elba High School athletic program are invited to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING: The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 23, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

CHEERING FOR THE TIGERS...The Elba High School cheerleaders are preparing to take the field alongside the football players and band members on Thursday evening, Aug. 26, in Brantley when the Elba Tigers take on the Brantley Bulldogs. Members of this year's squad who will lead the Tiger spirit and cheer on that night: and the following Friday nights of the season are: (front L to R) Cammie Kelley, Katie Vaughn, Sara Purvis; (middle L to R) Kerri Lawford, Casey Skinner, Oneida Davis, Melissa Mularz; (back L to R) Chelsea Cooper, Brandy Davis and Carminda Coleman.

